

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 940

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to honor Joseph S. "Joe" Ozment for his exemplary service as president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a gifted attorney, who, in addition to representing his clients with acumen and fidelity, has contributed significantly to criminal defense law as a whole through his service with several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Joseph S. "Joe" Ozment of Memphis has astutely served as president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL) during the organization's forty-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, also a member of TACDL's board of directors, Mr. Ozment has previously served the organization as secretary, treasurer, and president-elect; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, he was honored with one of TACDL's highest honors, the Robert W. Richie Award, and he received its Work Horse Award in 2013 for his outstanding service to the organization; and

WHEREAS, an attorney with more than twenty years of experience, Mr. Ozment has represented thousands of individuals charged with various criminal offenses in Shelby County and throughout Tennessee and has successfully tried a significant number of jury trials, ranging from misdemeanors to capital murder, in both State and federal Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ozment is certified by the Tennessee Supreme Court to represent individuals charged with capital/death penalty offenses and has extensive appellate experience before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, the Tennessee Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ozment is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the Memphis Bar Association and currently serves as a board member of the Shelby County Drug Court Foundation; he is a graduate of the National Criminal Defense College and a past president of the Criminal Law Section of the Memphis Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ozment received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and earned his Juris Doctor from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legal career, Joe Ozment has distinguished himself as an attorney of the greatest ability and integrity and a valuable asset to his colleagues in criminal defense law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joseph S. "Joe" Ozment for his exemplary service as 2017-2018 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers during the organization's forty-fifth anniversary, salute his ongoing commitment to justice under the law, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.